

# BENTON COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

*Highlights* are now a web publication as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, eleven Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

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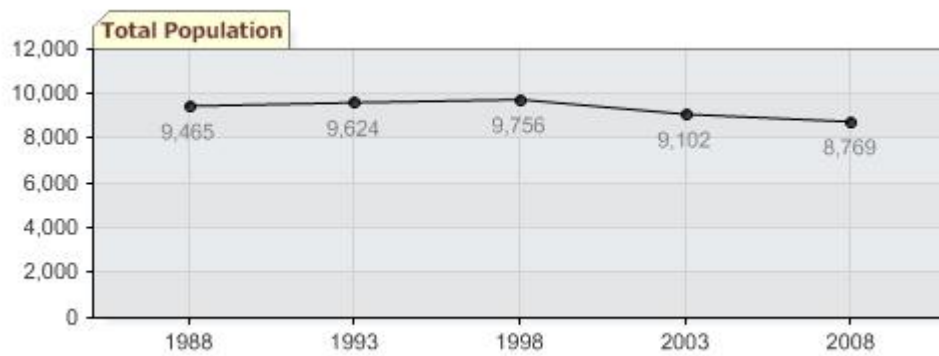
## Location

Benton County is located in northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Warren County. White and Tippecanoe Counties border Benton County to the east, Newton and Jasper Counties are to the north and Illinois to the west. Benton County is one of the twelve counties located in the area designated by the State of Indiana as Indiana Economic Growth Region 4.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

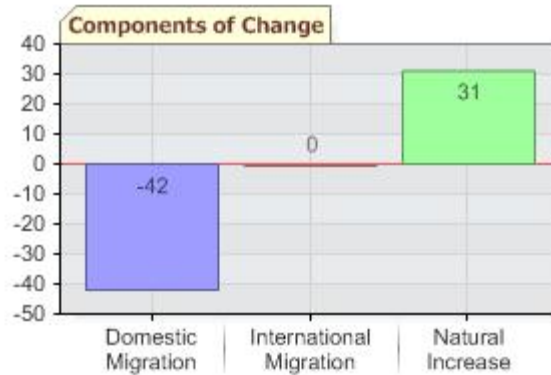
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	9,465	9,624	9,756	9,102	8,769
Change Since 1988		159	291	-363	-696
Pct. Change Since 1988		1.7%	3.1%	-3.8%	-7.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-42
International Migration	0
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	31
Births	122
Deaths	91



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

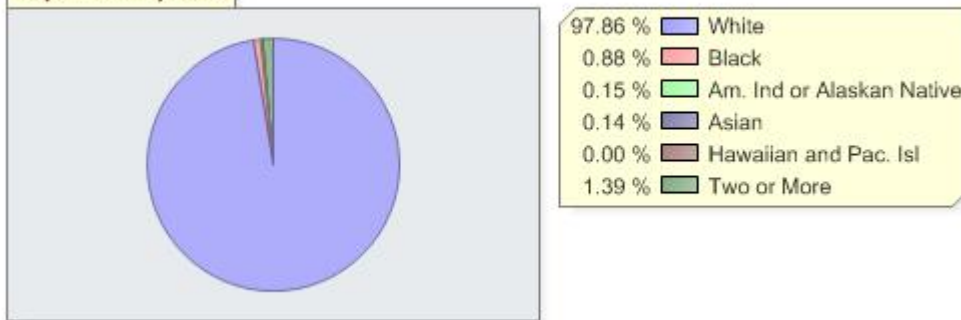
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	608	6.9%
School Age	1,639	18.7%
College Age	711	8.1%
Young Adult	2,090	23.8%
Older Adult	2,337	26.6%
Older (65 plus)	1,425	16.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	13	0.1%
Asian Alone	12	0.1%
Black Alone	77	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	8,586	97.9%
Two or More Race Groups	122	1.4%

Population by Race



## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	8,463	96.5%
Hispanic or Latino	347	4.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

## Households in 2000

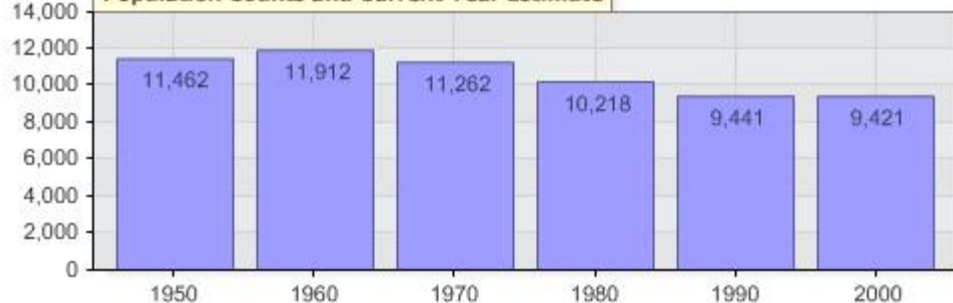
	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Households</b>	3,558	100.0%
Family Households	2,549	71.6%
Married with Children	963	27.1%
Married without Children	1,155	32.5%
Single Parents	289	8.1%
Other	142	4.0%
Non-family Households	1,009	28.4%
Living Alone	871	24.5%
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.64	
<b>Average Family Household Size</b>	3.69	

Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

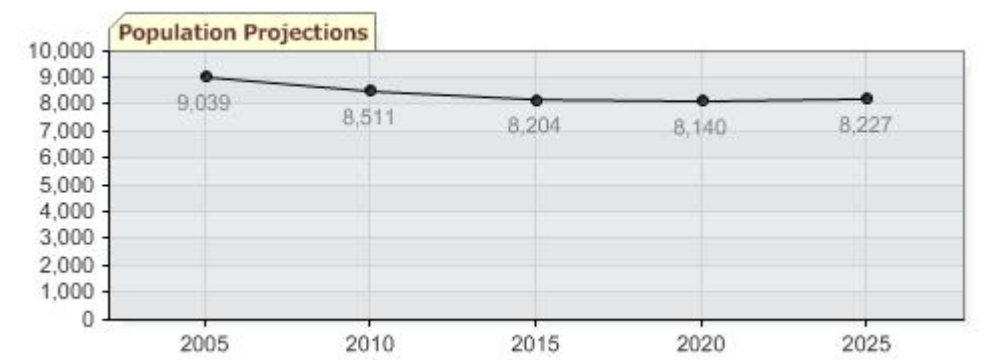
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	11,462	NA	NA
1960	11,912	450	3.9%
1970	11,262	-650	-5.5%
1980	10,218	-1,044	-9.3%
1990	9,441	-777	-7.6%
April 2000	9,421	-20	-0.2%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate





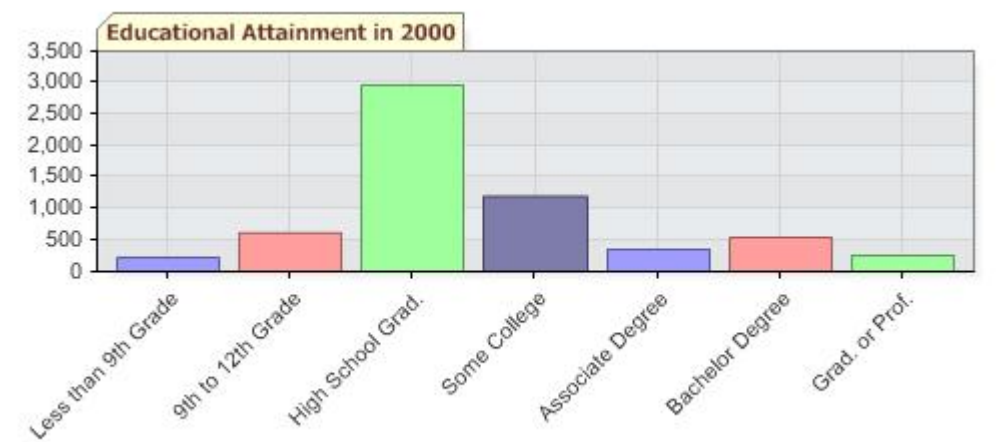
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	9,039	8,511	8,204	8,140	8,227
Change Since 2005		-528	-835	-899	-812
Pct. Change Since 2005		-5.8%	-9.2%	-9.9%	-9.0%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

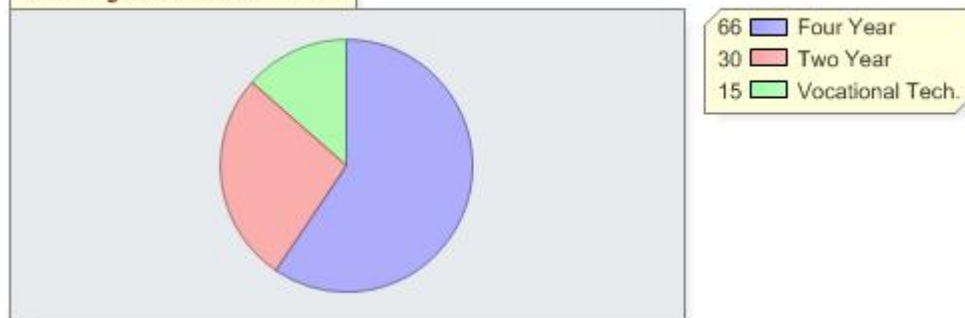
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	6,076	6,056	6,053	6,158
Less than 9th Grade	1,360	918	506	228
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,060	892	881	618
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,733	3,037	3,041	2,963
Some College, No Degree			810	1,194
Associate Degree			261	354
Bachelors Degree			311	542
Graduate or Professional Degree			243	259



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	145	124	127	136
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	108	94	94	111
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	72	54	57	66
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	27	29	24	30
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	9	11	13	15
<b>Military</b>	3	4	4	2

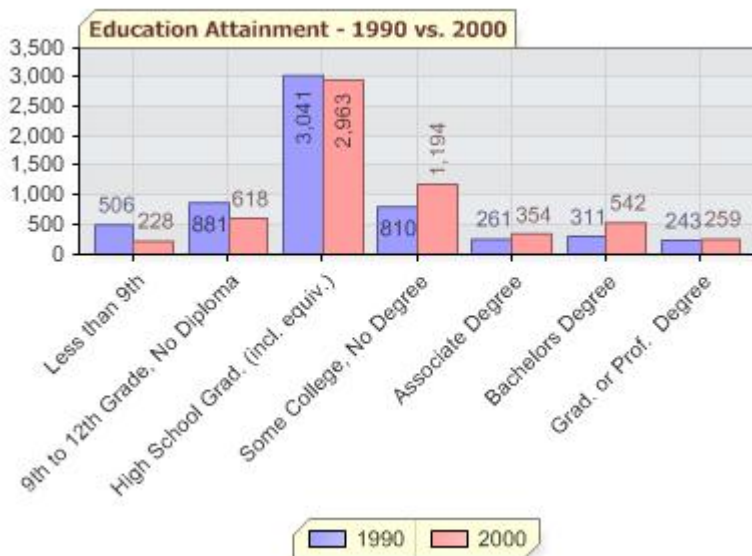
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	6,053	100.0%	6,158	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	506	8.4%	228	3.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	881	14.6%	618	10.0%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	3,041	50.2%	2,963	48.1%
Some College, No Degree	810	13.4%	1,194	19.4%
Associate Degree	261	4.3%	354	5.7%
Bachelors Degree	311	5.1%	542	8.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	243	4.0%	259	4.2%

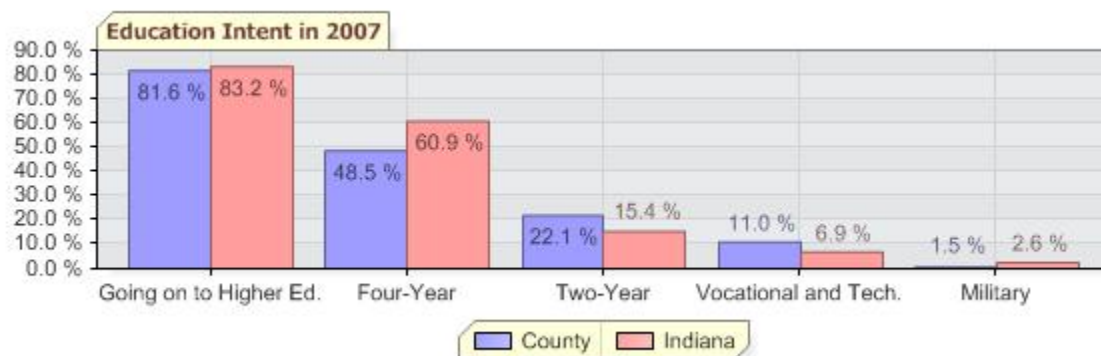


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	81.6%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	48.5%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	22.1%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	11.0%	6.9%
Military	1.5%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

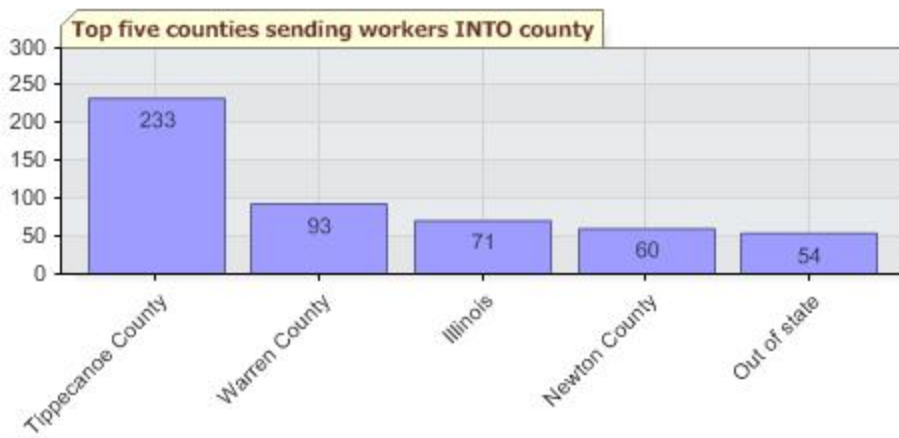
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	6,025
Number of tax filers who work in the county	4,525
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	3,850
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	675

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

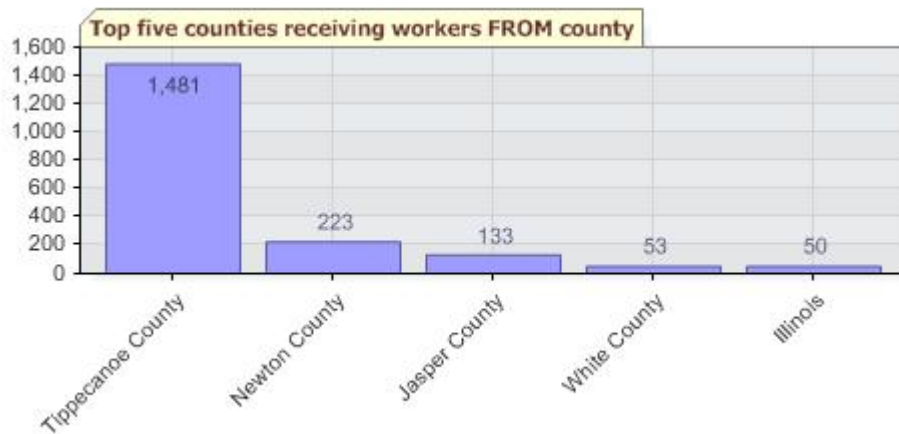
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Tiptecanoe County	233	49.8%
Warren County	93	19.9%
Illinois	71	15.2%
Newton County	60	12.8%
Out of state	54	10.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Tippecanoe County	1,481	76.3%
Newton County	223	11.5%
Jasper County	133	6.9%
White County	53	2.7%
Illinois	50	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	4,617	100.0%
Travel To Work	4,402	95.3%
Car, Truck, or Van	4,248	92.0%
Traveled Alone	3,623	78.5%
Carpooled	625	13.5%
Used Public Transportation	26	0.6%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	128	2.8%
Worked At Home	215	4.7%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	24.5	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	18.7	

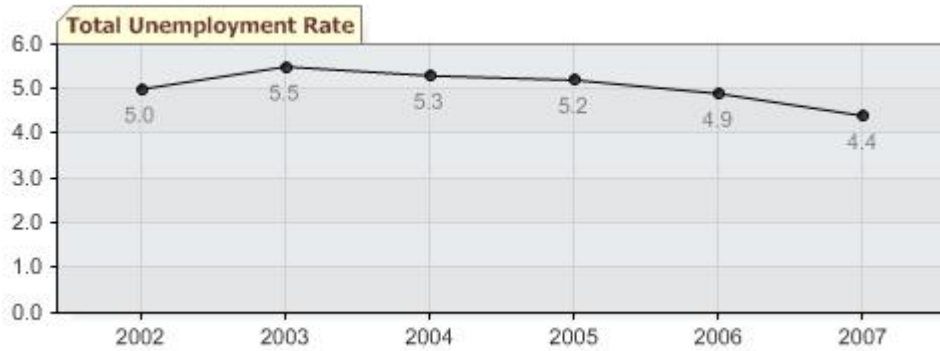


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

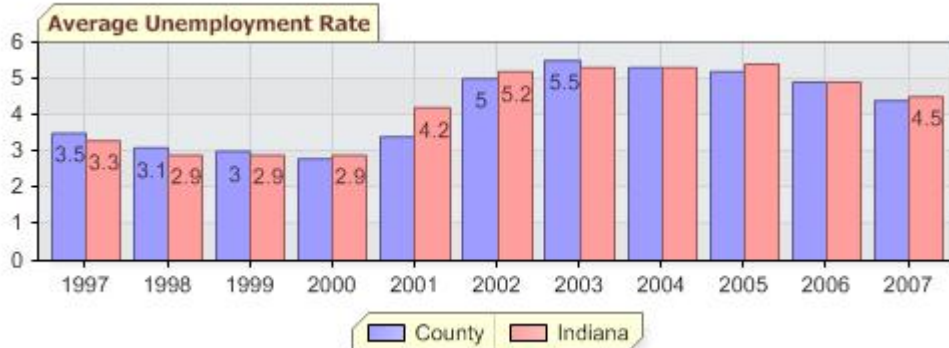
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	4,355	-10.3%
<b>Employed</b>	4,164	-11.8%
<b>Unemployed</b>	191	42.5%
<b>Rate</b>	4.4	57.1%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	5,153	4,973	180	3.5	3.3
<b>1998</b>	5,072	4,914	158	3.1	2.9
<b>1999</b>	5,487	5,325	162	3.0	2.9
<b>2000</b>	4,857	4,723	134	2.8	2.9
<b>2001</b>	4,844	4,679	165	3.4	4.2
<b>2002</b>	4,893	4,647	246	5.0	5.2
<b>2003</b>	4,668	4,413	255	5.5	5.3
<b>2004</b>	4,603	4,359	244	5.3	5.3
<b>2005</b>	4,591	4,354	237	5.2	5.4
<b>2006</b>	4,612	4,387	225	4.9	4.9
<b>2007</b>	4,355	4,164	191	4.4	4.5



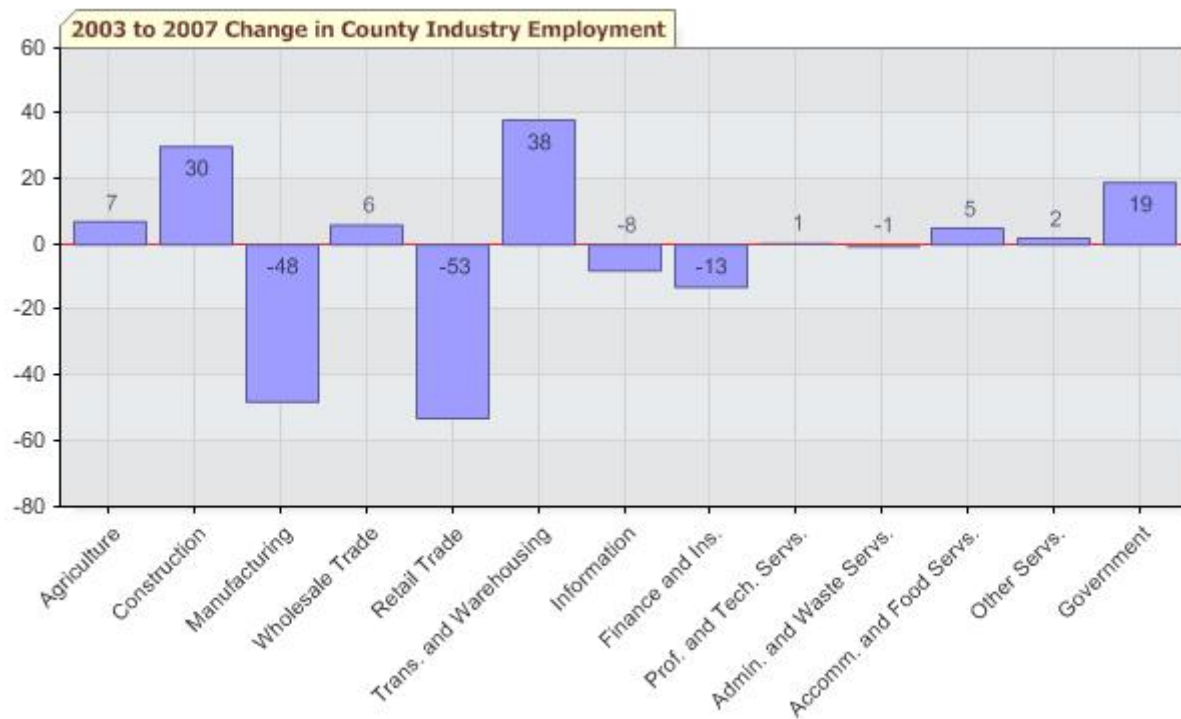
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# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	2,503	2,418	2,427	2,411	2,427	-76	-3.04%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	1,826	1,737	1,765	1,731	1,731	-95	-5.20%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	49	69	54	55	56	7	14.29%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	69	74	87	88	99	30	43.48%
Manufacturing	531	527	553	517	483	-48	-9.04%
Wholesale Trade	284	275	272	270	290	6	2.11%
Retail Trade	274	258	252	234	221	-53	-19.34%
Transport. and Warehousing	94	98	107	120	132	38	40.43%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Information	14	11	D	D	6	-8	-57.14%
Finance and Insurance	127	126	121	120	114	-13	-10.24%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	D	D	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Professional and Tech. Servs.	14	13	15	14	15	1	7.14%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	49	31	44	53	48	-1	-2.04%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	185	133	128	130	133	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	28	25	23	26	D	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	80	70	73	71	85	5	6.25%
Other Services	25	26	26	27	27	2	8.00%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	677	681	662	680	696	19	2.81%

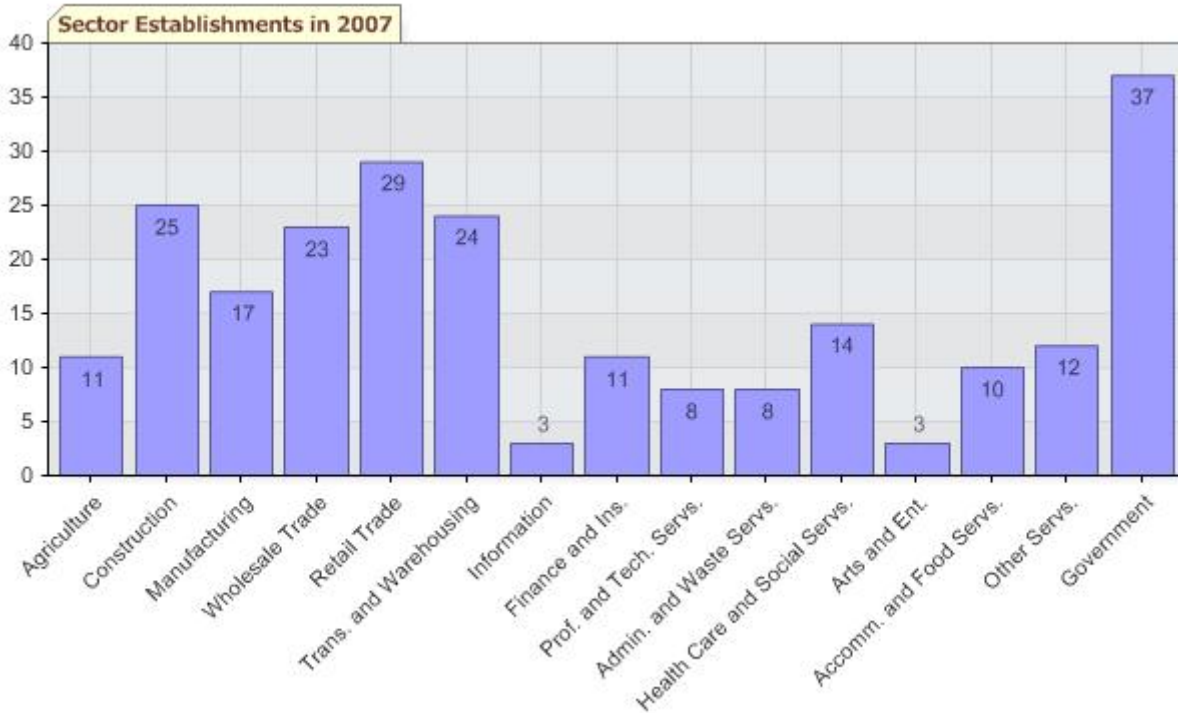


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	242	238	228	230	234	-8	-3.31%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	208	205	195	197	197	-11	-5.29%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	9	10	11	11	11	2	22.22%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	27	25	24	24	25	-2	-7.41%
Manufacturing	19	18	18	18	17	-2	-10.53%
Wholesale Trade	22	23	22	23	23	1	4.55%
Retail Trade	37	33	30	30	29	-8	-21.62%
Transport. and Warehousing	20	22	23	26	24	4	20.00%
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Information	3	3	D	D	3	0	0.00%
Finance and Insurance	15	14	12	12	11	-4	-26.67%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	D	D	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Professional and Tech. Servs.	9	9	10	9	8	-1	-11.11%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	9	7	7	8	8	-1	-11.11%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	13	11	11	12	14	1	7.69%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	3	3	3	3	D	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	13	13	11	10	10	-3	-23.08%
Other Services	9	13	11	11	12	3	33.33%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	34	33	33	33	37	3	8.82%



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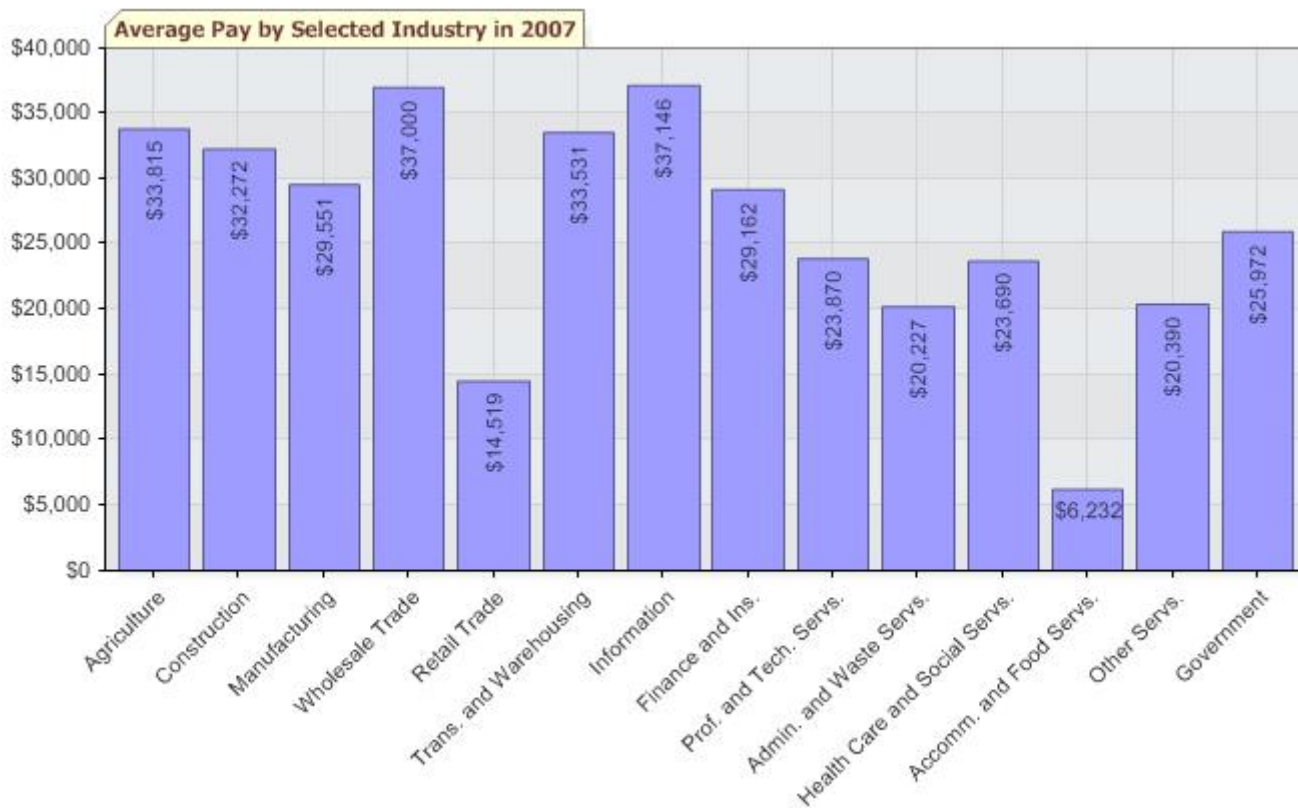
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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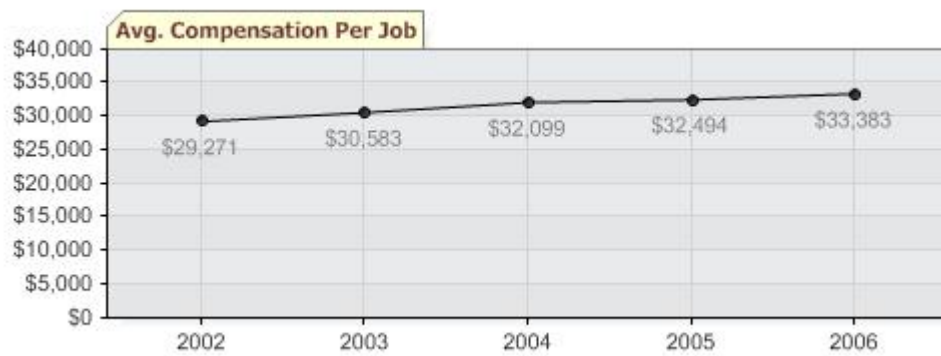
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$24,137	\$26,855	\$2,717	11.3%	\$37,530	71.6%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$34,608	\$33,815	-\$793	-2.3%	\$28,008	120.7%
Mining	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$22,338	\$32,272	\$9,933	44.5%	\$44,754	72.1%
Manufacturing	\$27,442	\$29,551	\$2,109	7.7%	\$51,148	57.8%
Wholesale Trade	\$33,126	\$37,000	\$3,874	11.7%	\$51,432	71.9%
Retail Trade	\$15,919	\$14,519	-\$1,400	-8.8%	\$22,581	64.3%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$25,017	\$33,531	\$8,514	34.0%	\$38,012	88.2%
Utilities	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$21,032	\$37,146	\$16,115	76.6%	\$46,311	80.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$26,986	\$29,162	\$2,176	8.1%	\$52,649	55.4%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	D	0	N/A	N/A	\$32,614	N/A
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$26,332	\$23,870	-\$2,462	-9.4%	\$51,451	46.4%
Mgt.of Companies	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$17,389	\$20,227	\$2,838	16.3%	\$24,934	81.1%
Education Svcs.	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$18,625	\$23,690	\$5,065	27.2%	\$37,706	62.8%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$9,281	D	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	N/A
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$6,426	\$6,232	-\$194	-3.0%	\$12,442	50.1%
Other Svcs.	\$17,583	\$20,390	\$2,807	16.0%	\$24,862	82.0%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$24,903	\$25,972	\$1,069	4.3%	\$37,054	70.1%



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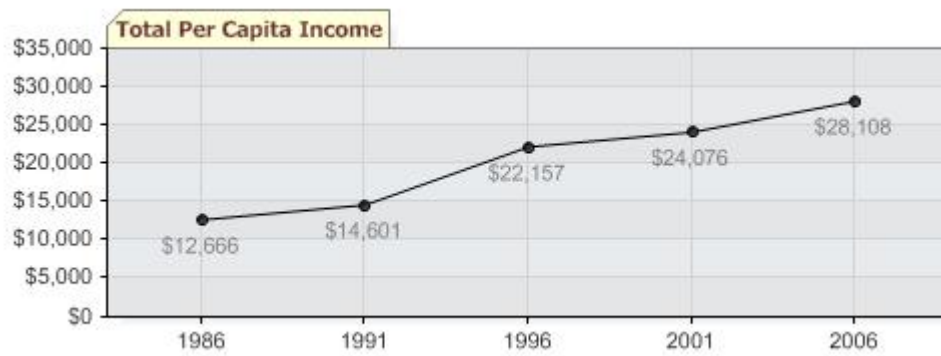
### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$29,271	\$30,583	\$32,099	\$32,494	\$33,383
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,312	\$2,828	\$3,223	\$4,112
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		4.5%	9.7%	11.0%	14.0%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,666	\$14,601	\$22,157	\$24,076	\$28,108
Change Since 1986		\$1,935	\$9,491	\$11,410	\$15,442
Pct. Change Since 1986		15.3%	74.9%	90.1%	121.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$26,863
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	34.8%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

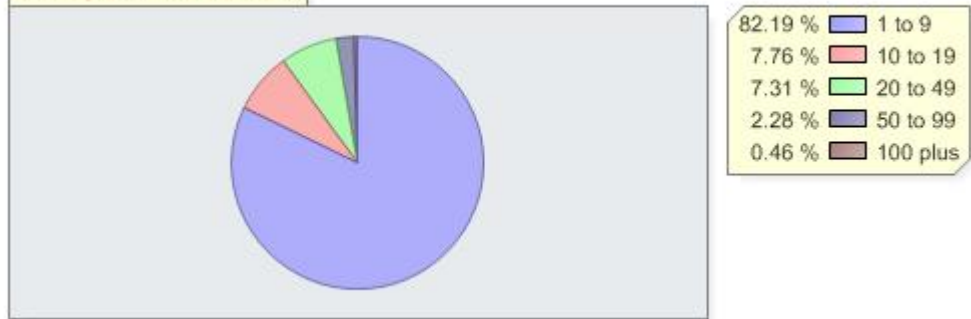
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	180	-18	-9.1%	82.2%
10-19 employees	17	-11	-39.3%	7.8%
20-49 employees	16	-2	-11.1%	7.3%



50-99 employees	5	2	66.7%	2.3%
100 plus employees	1	-2	-66.7%	0.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**County Business Patterns**

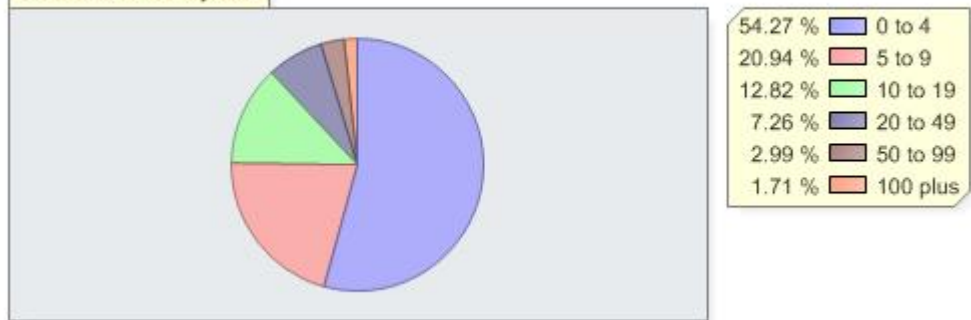


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	127	54.3%
5 to 9 employees	49	20.9%
10 to 19 employees	30	12.8%
20 to 49 employees	17	7.3%
50 to 99 employees	7	3.0%
100 plus employees	4	1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

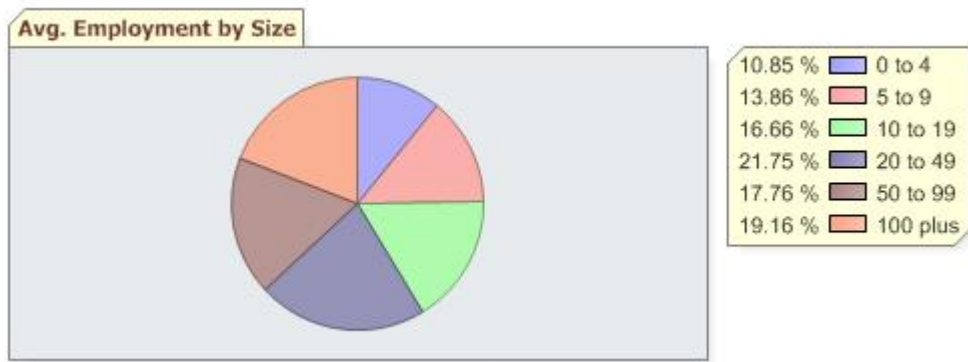
**Business Units by Size**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	256	10.9%
5 to 9 employees	327	13.9%
10 to 19 employees	393	16.7%
20 to 49 employees	513	21.7%
50 to 99 employees	419	17.8%
100 plus employees	452	19.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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